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artesian well	▼	

Main Entry: <sup>1</sup>**well**

Pronunciation: 'wel

Function: *noun*

Etymology: Middle English *welle*, from Old English *welle*; akin to Old English *weallan* to bubble, boil, Old High German *wella* wave, Lithuanian *vilnis*

Date: before 12th century

**1 a** : an issue of water from the earth : a pool fed by a spring **b** : SOURCE, ORIGIN

**2 a** : a pit or hole sunk into the earth to reach a supply of water **b** : a shaft or hole sunk to obtain oil, brine, or gas

**3 a** : an enclosure in the middle of a ship's hold to protect from damage and facilitate the inspection of the pumps **b** : a compartment in the hold of a fishing boat in which fish are kept alive

**4** : an open space extending vertically through floors of a structure

**5** : a space having a construction or shape suggesting a well for water

**6 a** : something resembling a well in being damp, cool, deep, or dark **b** : a deep vertical hole **c** : a source from which something may be drawn as needed

**7** : a pronounced minimum of a variable in physics <a potential *well*>

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case[3,transitive verb]  
casing



Main Entry: <sup>3</sup>case

Function: *transitive verb*

Inflected Form(s): **cased**; **cas·ing**

Date: 1575

1 : to enclose in or cover with or as if with a case : **ENCASE**

2 : to line (as a well) with supporting material (as metal pipe)

3 : to inspect or study especially with intent to rob

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## Pronunciation Key

\&\ as a and u in **abut**

\&\ as e in **kitten**

\&r\ as ur and er in  
**further**

\a\ as a in **ash**

\A\ as a in **ace**

\ä\ as o in **mop**

\au\ as ou in **out**

\ch\ as ch in **chin**

\e\ as e in **bet**

\E\ as ea in **easy**

\g\ as g in **go**

\i\ as i in **hit**

\I\ as i in **ice**

\j\ as j in **job**

\[ng]\ as ng in **sing**

\O\ as o in **go**

\o\ as aw in **law**

\oi\ as oy in **boy**

\th\ as th in **thin**

\th\ as th in **the**

\ü\ as oo in **loot**

\u\ as oo in **foot**

\y\ as y in **yet**

\zh\ as si in **vision**



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pump[2,verb]		
pump[3,noun]		
air pump		
force pump		
heat pump	▼	

Main Entry: **<sup>1</sup>pump**

Pronunciation: 'p&mp

Function: *noun*

Etymology: Middle English *pumpe*, *pompe*, from Middle Low German *pumpe* or Middle Dutch *pompe*, perhaps from Spanish *bomba*, of imitative origin

Date: 15th century

**1** : a device that raises, transfers, or compresses fluids or that attenuates gases especially by suction or pressure or both

**2** : **HEART**

**3** : an act or the process of pumping

**4** : an energy source (as light) for pumping atoms or molecules

**5** : a mechanism (as the sodium pump) for pumping atoms, ions, or molecules

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